

**WESTERN CONFERENCE OF THE BENCH & BAR**  
**U.S. COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS 24TH ANNUAL JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**  
**CLAREMONT HOTEL CLUB & SPA, BERKELEY, CA**

***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011***

**General Session, Empire Ballroom**

- 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m.** Welcoming Remarks: Chief Judge Emily C. Hewitt
- 8:50 - 10:20 a.m.** Inside the Bid Protest Process at the Court of Federal Claims:  
Acme Aircraft Company v. United States  
- Chair, Judge Thomas Wheeler
- 10:35 - 11:50 a.m.** Pre-trial Ethics: When Do Litigation Tactics Cross the Line?  
- Chair, Judge Mary Ellen Coster Williams
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.** *Luncheon in the Claremont Ballroom*  
Speaker: Chief Judge Randall R. Rader, U.S. Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit
- 1:45 - 3:30 p.m.** Patents: Protecting Intellectual Property in Government Contracts  
- Chair, Judge Edward Damich
- 3:45 - 5:00 p.m.** Scientific Evidence in the CFC and the Importance of Peer-review  
- Chair, Judge Francis Allegra

**Concurrent Vaccine Session, Sonoma Room**

- 8:30 a.m.** Welcoming Remarks: Chief Judge Emily C. Hewitt
- 8:35 - 9:45 a.m.** The New IOM Report on Vaccine Safety  
- Chair, Chief Special Master Patricia Campbell-Smith
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.** Contemplating Genetic Variation and Adverse Events  
- Speaker, Dr. Ellen Clayton, Vanderbilt University
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- 1:45 - 2:30 p.m.** Vaccine Cases: Settling Early and Often  
- Chair, Special Master Denise Vowell
- 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.** Vaccine Judgments and Payments  
- Chair, Special Master Christian Moran

**Evening Bench & Bar Reception**

- 5:30 p.m.** *Bench and Bar Reception in Lanais 2&3, featuring Pro Hac Vice*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011**

**General Session, Empire Ballroom**

- 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.** Multiparty Litigation and Related Cases in the Court of Federal Claims: How Much is Too Much?  
- Chair, Judge Marian Blank Horn
- 10:15 - 11:50 a.m.** Cutting-Edge Issues and Valuation in Rails-to-Trails Cases  
- Chair, Judge Nancy B. Firestone
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.** *Luncheon in the Claremont Ballroom*  
Speaker: Assistant Attorney General Tony West  
“Priorities and Perspectives of the Civil Division”
- 1:40 - 3:15 p.m.** Water Rights and Fifth Amendment Takings  
- Chair, Robert Meltz, Congressional Research Service
- 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.** Indian Law in the Supreme Court’s 2011 Term  
- Chair, Judge Eric Bruggink
- 4:45 p.m.** Closing Remarks: Chief Judge Emily C. Hewitt

**Concurrent Vaccine Session, Sonoma Room**

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.** Report from the Chief Special Master  
- Chief Special Master Patricia Campbell-Smith
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** “Ask the Special Masters” Panel
- 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.** Petitioners’ Bar Meeting

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- 1:45 - 4:30 p.m.** Petitioners’ Bar Meeting

**Evening Session at Berkeley Law, Boalt Hall**

- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** “Meet the Court” Panel and Reception
- Role of the judicial law clerk at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and the Office of the Special Masters
  - All you need to know about DOJ’s Honors Program
  - Learn about career opportunities within the Court’s bar
  - Reception for bench, bar, faculty, and students